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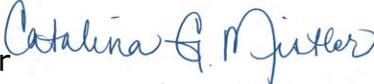
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TO: Financial Aid Administrators
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SUBJECT: **Entitlement Cal Grant – Late GPA Appeal Process**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) explains the Late Cal Grant Grade Point Average (GPA) Appeal Process for students who missed the March 2 filing deadline.

- **Late Cal Grant GPA Appeal Deadline – Wednesday, May 16, 2018.**
- State regulations allow Entitlement Cal Grant applicants to appeal the late submission of their Cal Grant GPA if circumstances beyond their control delayed or prevented them from submitting a verified GPA by the March 2, 2018, filing deadline.
- 2018-19 Entitlement Cal Grant applicants are:
 - Students that graduate high school or achieve the equivalent on or after July 1, 2016; or
 - Students who are planning to transfer from a California Community College to a four-year college during the 2018-19 academic year.
- Entitlement Cal Grant applicants whose GPAs were not received, will be notified by the Commission about this appeal process. Schools may also submit late GPAs on behalf of students through this appeal process.

To receive appeal consideration for the Entitlement Awards, applicants must:

- Have submitted a 2018-19 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or 2018-19 CA Dream Act Application by the March 2, 2018, filing deadline.
- Complete the 'Late Cal Grant GPA Verification Form' providing an explanation of the circumstances that prevented them from submitting an on-time Cal Grant GPA.
- Ensure the appeal is **received** by the Commission no later than the **May 16, 2018** deadline.

Appeal Form Availability and Processing

- The [Late Cal Grant GPA Appeal Form](#) is located on our website.
- If the appeal *is* accepted, the student will be processed for Entitlement Cal Grant award consideration and will receive correspondence from the Commission based on their application status.
- If the appeal is *not* accepted and the student is planning on attending a CCC, the GPA will be retained and considered for the September 2, 2018, Competitive Cal Grant award.
- For students whose Non-SSN GPAs were submitted on time but have not yet been matched, there is no need to submit a late GPA appeal. In some cases, the Non-SSN GPA matching process to the student's financial aid application occurs after the March deadline. These students will be considered on-time applicants.

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